



Preschool Leader Guide

January 4 – Pre-K & Kindergarten

Monthly Theme: God Takes Care of Me

Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: God Is Always Good

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Activity:

Preschoolers will respond to statements by standing up or sitting down to help them learn their friends' likes and dislikes.

Big Goal: Find something in common.

Script: Today is going to be a fun day! Before we get started, I want us to do an activity called "Stand Up! Sit Down!" What is it called? (*Stand Up! Sit Down!*) Good! We are going to learn more about each other and see what we have in common with our friends. When we have something in common, it means we like the same things. I will say something like, "If you like red, stand up! If you like blue, sit down." Based on what you like most, you will either stand up or sit down. Then we will count how many people are standing up and sitting down. Are you ready to play? (*Allow responses.*)

(Use some of the following statements or create your own:)

If you like the color green, stand up! If you like the color orange more, sit down!

If you like chicken nuggets, stand up! If you like pizza more, sit down!

If you like to run, stand up! If you like to skip more, sit down!

If you like to draw pictures, stand up! If you would rather look at a picture book, sit down!

We have so many things in common, and it was fun to learn what we all enjoy. There are things that we all like, which are things we have in common, and things we like that are different. No matter what things we like, we all belong and are a part of our team.

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5-4-3-2-1! Hello, everyone! I am so glad you are here! Can I get a big *hello* from you? I'll go first, and then I want you to give me your loudest *hello*! Hello! Now it's your turn! *(Hello!)* Good! Now I want you to turn to a friend and give them a big high five! *(Allow time for preschoolers to pass out high fives.)* Awesome! Our Theme today is *Every Day and Every Way!* Let's say, "Every Day and Every Way!" together. "Every Day and Every Way!" Great! That means God takes care of us every day, and He takes care of us in every way.

We are going to sing our Theme song together! Let's sing about how God takes care of us. Ready?

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group
"Super Clue: Kindness Card" printable 1 per group
Kindness card 1 per group (optional)
Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Every Day and Every Way! *(Present your right hand with palm up, then your left hand with palm up.)*

God Takes Care of Me! *(Hug arms across your chest.)*

Script: Today we are learning that **God is always good**. Let's say that together. Ready? **"God is always good."** God is good and kind, and He takes care of us every day. Each week we learn a Big Deal that helps us remember an important truth about God. I will show you some motions to go along with the Big Deal. Watch closely so you can do it too. Today's Big Deal is, "Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!" Let's try it together. I'll say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Use the motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Every Day and Every Way! *(Every Day and Every Way!)* God Takes Care of Me! *(God Takes Care of Me!)* Isn't that super?

Wait! What was that sound? Did you hear that too? That can mean only one thing! That sound means we have a Super Clue in our Super Box. (*Point to the Super Box.*) I can't wait to see what today's Super Clue is! Our Super Clue connects to today's Big Deal, "Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!" Are you ready to open the Super Box and see what our Super Clue is? (*Allow responses.*) Me too! Let's do it!

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

Wow! Our Super Clue is a kindness card! It is nice to give a kindness card to a friend or someone in our family. A kindness card is a way that we can show someone we care about them. This kindness card is awesome, but I wonder how this connects to our Big Deal, "Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!" Well, I'm not too sure, but I know who can help us. The Super Crew will know how a kindness card connects to our Big Deal. Let's send this Super Clue to our friends at the Clubhouse.

(Place Super Clue back in Super Box.)

We can count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, "Go," I'll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! (*Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.*)

Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Bible Story Video.

Script: *(To screen) Thanks, Super Crew!*

*(To preschoolers) Our Bible story was about how Jesus healed ten men with a skin disease. One of the men came back to thank Jesus for healing him. He celebrated what God had done. The man fell down at Jesus' feet and thanked Him. Jesus showed how He is good and kind by taking care of these men and healing them. **God is always good** and kind.*

Our Super Clue is a kindness card. We can show kindness by giving a friend a kindness card. Jesus shows kindness to us, just like He did to the men in the story. **God is always good**. This means that God is always kind and takes care of us all the time. He never stops caring for us.

Let's say our Big Deal, "Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!" together. I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Every Day and Every Way! (*Every Day and Every Way!*) God Takes Care of Me! (*God Takes Care of Me!*) Great job!

God is so good to take care of us. Let's say a prayer and talk and listen to God. We can thank Him for always being good and for taking care of us.

God, thank You for always being good. Thank You for taking care of us. Thank You for the story of the ten lepers and how it teaches us about Your kindness. In Jesus' name, amen.

Game:

Preschoolers will say, "I can listen," and then complete actions a leader calls out.

Big Goal: Review the Bible story.

Script: Let's all stand up. We are going to play a game called "I Can Listen." What is this game called? (*I Can Listen!*) This game is similar to "Simon Says." I will call out an action for you to do, such as stomp your feet or clap your hands. Before you do the action, I want you to first say, "I can listen." Does that sound easy enough? Let's do a practice round. If I say, "I want you to clap your hands," then you will say, "I can listen," and then clap your hands. Ready? Clap your hands. (*I can listen.*) Great job! Who is ready to play? (*Allow responses.*) Alright! Let's play.

Keep It Going: Continue to play the game, naming additional action commands as time allows. Select a preschooler or two to be the leader and call out commands.

Script: This was such a fun game to play! You listened to the actions and did what the leader asked you to do. In today's Bible story, Jesus told the lepers, the men who were sick, what to do so they could be healed. The lepers listened to Jesus, just like you listened, and they were healed of their skin disease. Jesus took care of the lepers, and God takes care of us!

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

Jesus Christ is the same (*Point your pointer finger toward the sky.*) yesterday, today, and forever. (*Bring that hand down and pretend to slice something with your hand. Slice something in the middle with your left hand. Slice something to your left with your*

right hand.)

Hebrews 13:8 (Hold hands out like a book.)

Script: The Bible tells us about how God takes care of us. Our Theme verse is found in the Bible. Today's Theme verse is Hebrews 13:8. Let me open my Bible and show you where this verse is found. (Open Bible to Hebrews 13:8.) Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Can we make this even more fun? Let's watch a video to learn our Theme verse! Ready? Here we go!

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: This verse reminds us that God takes care of us because He is always good. He loves us and wants to take care of us. God's care for us never changes. It is always the same—yesterday, today, and forever.

Craft:

Preschoolers will decorate a kindness card to give to someone they care about.

Big Goal: Remember what is super about the Super Clue.

Leader Prep: Print "Decorate A Kindness Card" printables, one per child. Fold the cards in half.

Supplies:

"Decorate A Kindness Card" printable 1 per child

Crayons Several

Stickers Several

"Decorate A Kindness Card Instructions & Example" printable 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print "Decorate A Kindness Card" printables, one per child. Fold the cards in half.
2. Give each child a kindness card to decorate.
3. Encourage them to use crayons and stickers to decorate their cards.
4. Instruct preschoolers to give their kindness cards to someone they care about.

Script: Our Super Clue today is a kindness card. What is it? (A kindness card!) That's right! We are going to decorate our own kindness cards to give to someone to show that we care about

them. We will use crayons and stickers to decorate the front of our cards. After that, you can draw your own pictures inside the card.

Great job decorating your kindness cards! I know that the people you give these to will feel so special. Let's tell who we want to give our kindness cards to. (Allow responses.) Wow! That is amazing! The people we give our kindness cards to will be so happy.

Room Refresh & Clean Up:

Script: Okay friends, it is time for us to clean up! Let's walk around the room and find objects and toys that are out of place. We need to see where they belong and put them back! Look at the pictures around the room to help. This is an important way to show our love for our church.

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Pick Up Time:

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Activity:

Preschoolers will work together to find items of certain colors in the room.

Big Goal: Be a part of a team.

Supplies:

Various classroom items Several

Script: Hi, everyone! Are you ready to have some fun? (Allow responses.) Let's go on a scavenger hunt around our room. Let's go on a what? (A scavenger hunt!) Great! I will name a color, and I want you to work together to find something in the room that is the color I name. When you find something, you can point to it if it is big or hold it up in the air if it is something you can easily pick up. Then I will call out another color, and we will play again!

It was so neat to see everyone working as a team to complete our scavenger hunt. We are going to have a great day today learning with our friends. I am so glad you are here.

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: (Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.) 5-4-3-2-1! It is so good to see your smiling faces today! We are going to do some warm-up movements to help us get ready. Our theme is *Every Day and Every Way*. This makes me think about the days of the week. Let's say them together. I will say a day of the week and clap, and you will say it after me and clap. Ready? Sunday (Clap hands.) (Sunday) (Clap hands.) Monday (Clap hands.) (Monday) (Clap

hands.) Tuesday (Clap hands.) (Tuesday) (Clap hands.) Wednesday (Clap hands.) (Wednesday) (Clap hands.) Thursday (Clap hands.) (Thursday) (Clap hands.) Friday (Clap hands.) (Friday) (Clap hands.) Saturday (Clap hands.) (Saturday) (Clap hands.) Whew! That was great! Today we are going to learn about how God takes care of us every single day. He takes care of us all the time in every way.

Let's sing a song together! Singing is a great way to celebrate God. Let's stand up and sing our Theme song about how God takes care of us.

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

“Super Clue: Solar System” printable 1 per group

Picture of the solar system or a small solar system model or toy 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Every Day and Every Way! (*Present your right hand with palm up, then your left hand with palm up.*)

God Takes Care of Me! (*Hug arms across your chest.*)

Script: Today we are learning that **God is always powerful.** *God is powerful* means that God is strong and has no limits. God can take care of us because He is strong and powerful. Let's learn our Big Deal. Our Big Deal helps us remember an important truth about God. Today's Big Deal is, “Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!” Because God is powerful, He is able to take care of us. God takes care of us in many ways. Let's say our Big Deal together. I'll say it first, and then you can say it after me. (*Use motions as you say the Big Deal.*) Every Day and Every Way! (*Every Day and Every Way!*) God Takes Care of Me! (*God Takes Care of Me!*) Isn't that super?

(Cup hands to ear.) Wait! Did you hear that sound? (Allow responses.) That sound lets us know there is a Super Clue in the Super Box! The Super Clue connects to our Big Deal, “Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!” Let’s see what’s inside.

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

Oh wow! It’s the solar system! Do you know what the solar system is? (Allow responses.) Our solar system includes the sun and everything that travels around it, including eight different planets. (Point to Earth.) Our planet, Earth, is part of our solar system. This is so cool! I love that our Super Clue is the solar system. I wonder how the solar system connects to our Big Deal, “Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!” I know who can help us. Will you say, “The Super Crew,” with me? “The Super Crew!” Let’s send our Super Clue over to our friends at the Clubhouse and find out what they say. I’ll put the Super Clue back in the Super Box, and we can send it over.

(Place Super Clue back in Super Box.)

We can count down and press the “Go” button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, “Go,” I’ll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! (Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)

Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Bible Story Video

Script: *(To screen) Thanks, Super Crew!*

(To preschoolers) In our Bible story today, God showed His amazing power through Peter and healed a woman named Dorcas (DAWR kuhs). God can do all things and takes care of us because He is powerful.

Our Super Clue is the solar system. The solar system is big and shows us how powerful God is. Something that is so big and deep could only be made by a very big and powerful God. He controls everything by His power. He keeps the planets turning in the solar system, He controls the weather, and He takes care of you and me! He is there to help us and care for us. **God is always powerful!**

Let's say a prayer to God. This means we are going to talk and listen to God. Let's get still so we can pray.

God, thank You for all of my friends here today. We have had so much fun learning about how You are powerful. Thank You for taking care of us and loving us. Amen.

Game:

Preschoolers will find pictures hidden around the room that showcase God's power.

Big Goal: Remember the Main Idea: **God is always powerful.**

Leader Prep: Print and cut apart the "Main Idea Picture Hunt" printable. Hide the pictures around the room.

Supplies:

"Main Idea Picture Hunt" printable 1 per group

Adult scissors 1 per group

Script: Today we are learning that **God is always powerful.** Let's say, "**God is always powerful,**" together. Ready? "**God is always powerful!**" Great! *God is powerful* means that God is full of power, He is strong, and He has no limits. Because God is strong and powerful, He is able to take care of us. I have hidden pictures around the room that will help us better understand God's power at work. God's power can be shown in many ways. I want you to search the room for the pictures I have hidden. When you find a picture, bring it back to me. Are you ready for the picture hunt? Show me a thumbs-up if you are ready. (Allow time for responses.) It looks like you are ready! 3-2-1 Go!

Keep It Going: Review each of the pictures on the cards. Discuss how God's power is displayed in each picture.

Script: God is so powerful. He made the animals and the mountains. He controls the weather and the planets spinning in the solar system. The same God who created all of these things created you and me. God is powerful, and He always takes care of us.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

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Script: The Bible tells us that God takes care of you, and God takes care of me. Today's Theme verse is Hebrews 13:8. Let me open my Bible and show you where this verse is found. (*Open Bible to Hebrews 13:8.*) Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Let's learn our Theme verse together as we watch this video in 3-2-1!

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: Our Theme verse tells us that Jesus is always the same. He is the same when good things are happening in life and when bad things are happening in life. He is always there to help us.

Craft:

Preschoolers will paint a picture of the solar system using watercolors.

Big Goal: Remember what is super about the Super Clue.

Leader Prep: Print "Paint The Solar System" printables on cardstock, one per child. Cover tables with plastic tablecloths (optional). Fill small cups with water.

Supplies:

"Paint The Solar System" printable 1 per child

Cardstock 1 per child

Markers Several; optional

"Paint The Solar System Instructions & Example" printable 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print "Paint The Solar System" printables on cardstock, one per child.
2. Distribute coloring supplies and a "Paint The Solar System" printable to each child.
3. Direct preschoolers to color their pictures.

4. Set completed pictures aside.

Script: We have a fun craft planned for today. We are going to paint a picture of our Super Clue. Our Super Clue is the solar system. What is our Super Clue? (*The solar system!*) That's right! It is the solar system. We will use crayons or markers to decorate a picture of the solar system to help us remember what makes our Super Clue so super. The solar system is a beautiful display of God's power. I can't wait to see your pictures!

You all did a wonderful job painting pictures of the solar system. We painted a picture of what? (*The solar system!*) Great! I want you to take these home and tell someone about our Super Clue. The solar system is big and shows us how powerful God is. Something that is so big and deep could only be made by a very big and powerful God. The solar system reminds us that God is able to take care of us in so many ways because He is powerful and in control.

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Activity:

Preschoolers will learn friends' names as they greet them using fist bumps, high fives, and thumbs-up.

Big Goal: Learn a new name.

Script: I see so many smiling faces here today. That can only mean one thing—you are excited to be here! Let's do an activity that allows us to move around the room and meet new friends. This activity is called "Fist Bump, High Five, Thumbs-Up." Say, "Fist bump." (*Fist bump!*) Good! Now say, "High five." (*High five!*) Great! Now say, "Thumbs-up." (*Thumbs-up!*) Yeah! Before I explain what we will do, let's make sure we know what each of those things is. Show me your best fist bump. (*Encourage preschoolers to gently fist bump each other.*) Alright! Now show me your best high five. (*Allow time for high fives.*) Now I want to see a thumbs-up. (*Lead preschoolers to give a thumbs-up.*) I think you've got it! We are going to walk around the room and say hi to a friend by doing one of the three actions—a fist bump, a high five, or a thumbs-up. The person you go up to should respond with the same action back to you. Once you do the same action, you will each say your name. We can greet our friends *and* learn a few names. Are we ready? Let's get moving!

I had so much fun learning your names and seeing you doing your fist bumps, high fives, and thumbs-up! It is so good to see each of you here today. We are going to have so much fun learning about how God takes care of us.

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5-4-3-2-1! Welcome, friends! It is so good to see you today! I am glad we get to spend some time together and learn about God. We have an exciting, fun-filled time ahead of us. Before we get started, I want us to get warmed up by getting our wiggles out and doing some fun moves. Let's start by moving our feet from side to side like we are skating on ice. You can move around the room while you are skating, but try not to bump into other skaters. *(Allow time for movement.)* Let's stop where we are and move our arms like a robot. I will show you my robot arms, and you try to do it too. *(Demonstrate robot arms and allow time for movement.)* Awesome! Let's do one last move. I want you to hop around the room like a rabbit or a frog. *(Allow time for movement.)* I think you are ready! You did such a great job warming up with our different moves. Let's all sit down in 3-2-1! *(Encourage preschoolers to sit down.)* Great job! Today we are talking about our Theme, *Every Day and Every Way!* We are learning that God takes care of us every day, and He takes care of us in every way.

Let's stand up and sing our Theme song together. Singing is fun because we can celebrate God and how He takes care of us.

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group
"Super Clue: Bird on a Branch" printable 1 per group
Artificial bird on a branch 1 per group (optional)
Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Every Day and Every Way! *(Present your right hand with palm up, then your left hand with palm up.)*
God Takes Care of Me! *(Hug arms across your chest.)*

Script: Today we are learning that **God can always be trusted.** Trust is believing that someone will do what he says he will do. God always keeps His promises and does what He says He will do. I am so glad we can trust God. One thing we can trust God to do is to take care of us. That reminds me of our Big Deal. A Big Deal teaches us an important truth about God. Today's Big

Deal is, “Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!” God takes care of us, and we can trust Him. Would you like to say the Big Deal with me? I’ll say it first, and then you can say it after me. (*Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.*) Every Day and Every Way! (*Every Day and Every Way!*) God Takes Care of Me! (*God Takes Care of Me!*) Super job!

Did you hear that sound? (*Allow responses.*) You heard it too! That must mean we have a Super Clue waiting for us in the Super Box. Each week when we hear that sound, it means we have a new Super Clue. The Super Clue connects to the Big Deal. Remember, our Big Deal is, “Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!” I wonder what our Super Clue could be. Let’s take a look and see.

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

Today’s Super Clue is a bird sitting on a branch. I wonder what a bird sitting on a branch has to do with today’s Big Deal, “Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!” I know some friends who can help us—the Super Crew! Let’s send the Super Clue over to our friends at the Clubhouse and see what they can tell us about our Super Clue.

(Place Super Clue back in Super Box.)

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Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Bible Verse Video.

(To screen) Awesome job, Super Crew!

Script: *(To preschoolers)* The Super Crew explained our Super Clue by telling us that when a bird is flying around and needs to rest, it will land on a branch. The bird trusts that the branch is sturdy and will hold it up. In the same way, we can trust God to always take care of us. He is a safe place, just like the branch is safe for the bird.

In today's Bible story, David trusted God to help him defeat Goliath. David knew God would help him because **God can always be trusted**. We can trust God and know that He will take care of us too. God always keeps His promises.

Let's talk to God and pray. We can bow our heads and close our eyes while we talk to God.

God, thank You for our time together. We are so thankful we can learn more about You. Thank You for showing us how You can always be trusted. Thank You for loving us and taking care of us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Game:

Preschoolers will play a game to gather David's stones.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Crumple up five pieces of construction paper in each color your teams are assigned. These will be "stones." Scatter the stones around the floor in the room.

Supplies:

Construction paper (assorted colors) 5 per group

Script: Let's play a game called "Gather Stones." Gather what? (*Stones!*) Great! We are going to play a game where we collect "stones" like David did in today's Bible story. We will form three teams. Each team will be given a certain color stone to gather. When I say, "Go!" one person from each team will find a stone in her team's color. Then you will come back to your team, and the next person will go. When all five stones have been gathered, I want your team to sit down and show us your stones. Give me a thumbs-up if you are ready to play. (*Allow responses.*) Get ready! 3-2-1 Go! Gather those stones!

Keep It Going: At the end of the game, consider placing a plastic bin or a bowl in the center and challenge preschoolers to toss their construction paper stones in "David's pouch."

Script: That was so much fun! Let me hear you say, "Great job!" Ready? (*Great job!*) Yeah! We gathered stones like David did in today's Bible story. David did not want armor or any other weapons. David trusted God to take care of him and protect him against Goliath. David used his sling to throw a stone at Goliath. The stone hit Goliath, and he fell to the ground. David trusted

that God would help him fight the battle. I am so glad God took care of David, and I am so glad God takes care of you and me.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

Jesus Christ is the same (*Point your pointer finger toward the sky.*) yesterday, today, and forever. (*Bring that hand down and pretend to slice something with your hand. Slice something in the middle with your left hand. Slice something to your left with your right hand.*) Hebrews 13:8 (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

Script: We can learn about how God takes care of us in the Bible. The Bible is God's Book. The Bible is true, and it's for you! Our Theme verse is from the book of Hebrews. Let me open my Bible and show you where this verse is found. (*Open Bible to Hebrews 13:8.*) Let's go back to the Clubhouse and learn more about this verse together!

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: Great job! Our Theme verse tells us that Jesus is always the same. He never changes. He is the same when good things are happening in life and when bad things are happening in life. God is always there to help us, and we can always trust Him.

Craft:

Preschoolers will create a bird using a paper plate and craft feathers.

Big Goal: Remember what is super about the Super Clue.

Leader Prep: Make a sample craft.

Supplies:

Uncoated paper plates 1 per child

Craft feathers Several

Markers Several

Clear tape 1 per group

"Paper Plate Bird Instructions & Example" printable 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, make a sample craft.
2. Distribute markers, feathers, and a paper plate to each child.
3. Assist preschoolers in folding their plates in half.
4. Invite preschoolers to draw eyes and a beak on one side of the paper plate with the fold on the top and the rounded parts on the bottom.
5. Invite preschoolers to decorate their birds.
6. Assist preschoolers in taping feathers to the side of the plate.

Script: Our Super Clue today is a bird on a branch. What is our Super Clue? (*A bird on a branch!*) Great! We are going to make a bird out of a paper plate to help us remember our Super Clue. First, we will fold our paper plates in half like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Then on one side with the fold pointing up you will draw your bird's face—the eyes and beak—using a marker. Then we will tape some feathers to the plate. When you are ready to attach your feathers, a leader will come by to give you some tape. As you make your craft, remember how David trusted God to take care of him and how we can trust God to take care of us too. I can't wait to see your crafts when you are done.

I love seeing the birds you created. You did such a great job! Our Super Clue helps us remember that we can trust God. Like a bird trusts the branch it lands on, we can trust God to take care of us. God takes care of us in so many ways. Let's say our Big Deal together. I'll go first, and then you can say it after me! Every Day and Every Way! (*Every Day and Every Way!*) God Takes Care of Me! (*God Takes Care of Me!*)

Room Refresh & Clean Up:

Script: Okay friends, it is time for us to clean up! Let's walk around the room and find objects and toys that are out of place. We need to see where they belong and put them back! Look at the pictures around the room to help. This is an important way to show our love for our church.

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Pick Up Time:

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Preschool Leader Guide

January 25 – Pre-K & Kindergarten

Monthly Theme: God Takes Care of Me

Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: God Is Always with Me

Snack Time This can be done at any point during the hour except for within the last fifteen minutes in the classrooms to ensure that everything is able to be cleaned up and put away prior to parent pick up. Use your discretion as the classroom leader in choosing when to distribute snack to children.

**Previews of all videos listed below can be found on the Teacher Resource Page in the corresponding digital media folder.*

Welcome & Connect Time:

Use this time to welcome children as they arrive! Introduce yourself, learn names, and help children learn their friends' names. Connect Time is an easy way to help a child feel included and part of the team right from the beginning. The purpose is to help kids meet other kids, connect with their leaders, and feel a part of the team. These "stations" are already found all around each preschool classroom. Building blocks, cars, baby dolls, or any of the other toys and manipulatives in the classrooms for kids to play with. Please feel free to pull out blank paper and writing/drawing materials as well as playdough and cookie cutters. All of these are

available to you for use during this time. If you need any other items, please feel free to let Katie Grace or your hallway coordinator for the week know and they will work on next steps to secure those items for your room.

Treehouse Music & Worship:

Using the Treehouse TVs select the **Preschool Worship or Kid's Worship Sing & Dance Along** playlist to play 3 songs for worship time. Pray to open your time in the treehouse and then after the final song send kiddos back to their classrooms to do Super Clue and Bible Story.

Please note: **THE PUPPET STAGE DOOR SHOULD BE CLOSED AT ALL TIMES FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY.** *Both the door to the treehouse storage closet and the door to the back of the treehouse must remain closed during programming as both pose a safety and security risk for children.*

Activity:

Preschoolers will have fun with their friends as they do silly animal movements around the room.

Big Goal: Celebrate every child.

Script: I see so many friendly faces here today. We have an exciting time planned. Let's get some wiggles out by playing "Animal Movements." What are we going to play? (*Animal Movements!*) Good! I will call out an animal, and I want you to move around the room like that animal. I will switch up the animal from time to time, so be listening for the animal I call out. I can't wait to see you all pretending to be some fun animals. Are you ready to play? Let's be ducks in 3-2-1 Go! (*Use additional animals such as monkeys, butterflies, birds, frogs, cheetahs, and so on.*)

We had so much fun moving around the room and doing silly animal movements. You all did a great job! Today we are going to learn about how God takes care of us. I am so glad you are here today.

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: (*Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.*) 5-4-3-2-1! Hello, everyone! My name is _____, and it is so good to see you here today. Let's say *hello* to our friends around the room. I want you to look at a friend sitting close to you and say *hello* using your whisper voice. Are you ready? Make sure to whisper! 3-2-1 Go! (*Say, "Hello," with a whisper.*) Great! Now I want you to turn to another friend and say *hello* using a squeaky voice. Go! (*Say, "Hello," in a squeaky voice.*) Awesome! Find one more friend nearby, and I want you to say *hello* using your deep, deep voice. (*Say, "Hello," in a deep voice.*) Awesome! Today we are learning that God takes care of us every day, and He takes care of us in every way. That means that He takes care of all of our needs all the time. Let's say, "Every Day and Every Way!" together. Ready? "Every Day and Every Way!" Great job!

Let's stand up and sing our Theme song. Our Theme song talks about how God takes care of us.

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group
"Super Clue: Winter Coat" printable 1 per group
Doll-sized winter coat 1 per group; optional
Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Every Day and Every Way! (*Present your right hand with palm up, then your left hand with palm up.*)
God Takes Care of Me! (*Hug arms across your chest.*)

Script: Today we are learning that **God is always with me**. God is with us every day in every way! That reminds me of our Big Deal. A Big Deal is a fun way to learn a truth about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!" Let's say that together. I'll say it first, and then you can say it after me. (*Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.*)

Every Day and Every Way! (Every Day and Every Way!) God Takes Care of Me! (God Takes Care of Me!) You did great! God takes care of us and is always with us. Isn't that super?

I think I hear something. Do you hear that? *(Allow responses.)* That means our Super Clue is in the Super Box. *(Point to the Super Box.)* Inside the Super Box we will find a Super Clue that will connect to our Big Deal, "Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!" I can't wait to see what is inside. Let's take a look.

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)
Look! It is a winter coat! A winter coat? I have a winter coat that I wear whenever the weather gets cold. I wonder how a winter coat connects to our Big Deal, "Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!" I know some friends who can help us. The Super Crew will know the answers—they always do! Let's send this Super Clue to our friends at the Clubhouse and see what they can tell us. Ready?

(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

We can count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, "Go," I'll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! *(Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)* Alright! Let's see what they say!

Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Bible Story video.

Script: *(To screen)* Thanks, Super Crew, for helping us understand how our Super Clue connects to our Big Deal.

(To preschoolers) In our Bible story today, a man named Paul told the people who followed Jesus to put on the armor of God and to pray for God's people. God was with His people, and they could always talk and listen to Him anytime and anywhere through prayer. God is always with us, too, and we can talk and listen to God anytime through prayer.

Our Super Clue is a winter coat. When it's cold, we wear our winter coats everywhere we go. God is always with us. He cares about us and protects us wherever we go. I am so glad to know this winter coat can remind us of how God is always with us.

Let's say our Big Deal, "Every Day and Every Way! God Takes Care of Me!" together. I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Every Day and Every Way! (*Every Day and Every Way!*) God Takes Care of Me! (*God Takes Care of Me!*)

Let's pray and talk and listen to God now. God always hears our prayers.

God, thank You for always being with us. Thank You for taking care of us and protecting us. Thank You that we can talk to You anytime and that You always hear our prayers. Amen.

Game:

Preschoolers will work as a team to move winter clothing items from one end of the room to the other.

Big Goal: Remember what is super about our Super Clue.

Leader Prep: Place each relay team's game items (1 coat, 2 gloves, 1 scarf, 1 hat, 2 socks) in separate piles.

Supplies:

Winter clothing items (coats, gloves, scarves, hats, socks) Several

Script: Does anyone remember what our Super Clue is today? (*A winter coat!*) That's right! Our Super Clue is a winter coat. Let's play a fun game where we use our Super Clue and a lot of other items we might wear when it is cold outside. Let's form two teams and line up, one friend in front of the other. (*Form two teams.*) Your team's job will be to pass the clothing items from the start of your team's line to the end of the line and create a new pile. But for this game you won't just pass it to your friend by simply turning around. I want you to pass each item over your head to the person behind you. When all the items have reached the end of your team line, your team needs to sit on the floor to let me know you are finished. Does that sound easy enough? (*Allow responses.*) OK! Let's play our "Winter Dress Relay!" When I say, "Go," your team can start passing the clothing back. Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

What a fun game! This winter clothing reminded me of staying warm when it is cold outside. Just like the cold weather gear protects us when we go outside, God has given us the armor of God to protect us and help us follow Him. God is always with us and protects us.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

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Hebrews 13:8 (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

Script: Today we are learning that God takes care of us. Today's Theme verse is Hebrews 13:8. Let me open my Bible and show you where this verse is found. (*Open Bible to Hebrews 13:8.*) Let's learn this verse together in 3-2-1!

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: Perfect! Thanks for practicing our Theme verse! God will take care of us all the time. His love for us never changes. No matter what situation we are in or what is happening around us, Jesus is the same always. He never changes. He is the same when good things are happening in life and when bad things are happening in life. He is always there to help us. That is such great news!

Craft:

Preschoolers will "dress" a paper person in armor.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Print and cut out "The Armor Of God" printables, one per child.

Supplies:

"The Armor Of God" printable 1 per child

Crayons Several

Glue sticks 1 per child

Adult scissors 1 per group

"The Armor Of God Instructions & Example" printable 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print and cut out "The Armor Of God" printables, one per child.
2. Give each child a paper person, crayons, a glue stick, and pieces of armor.
3. Invite preschoolers to decorate their paper person and armor.
4. Assist preschoolers in gluing the armor on their paper person.

Script: In our Bible story today, we learned about how God has given us the armor of God to protect us and help us. The armor of God is like a suit of armor that a soldier might wear, but it is like a spiritual suit of armor that helps us follow God. You can use crayons to decorate your paper person and armor. When you finish, use a glue stick to glue the armor onto your paper people. Make sure to include your helmet, sword, and shield, just like Paul mentioned in his letter to the Ephesians.

We have learned so much about how God always takes care of us. God has given us His armor to protect us and to help us follow Jesus. Paul told the people about God's special spiritual armor. God gives people who believe in Jesus everything they need to stand strong. God gives us truth like a strong belt, so we always know what is right and what God says is true. God gives us protection like armor on our chests that helps us make good choices. God gives us faith like a shield so we can trust Him to take care of us. God gives us hope and salvation like a helmet, so we remember that Jesus saves us. God helps us share His love with others, like sandals that help us walk and tell people about Jesus. And God's Word, the Bible, is like a powerful sword that helps us know how to obey God and learn about His love for us.

Paul told God's people that God also wants us to pray to Him. We can pray to God and ask for His help at any time. The armor of God can always be worn and helps us know that God is always with us.

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